

On page 2, line 28, please replace the phrase "The subject of the present invention is therefore" with the phrase --Described herein is--.

On page 2, line 33, please replace the phrase "According to the invention, the process is characterized in that it comprises the following steps" with the phrase "The process includes:"

On page 3, line 32, please delete the phrase "of the invention."

After the text on page 5, please add the following paragraph:

--Further modifications and alternative embodiments of various aspects of the invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art in view of this description. Accordingly, this description is to be construed as illustrative only and is for the purpose of teaching those skilled in the art the general manner of carrying out the invention. It is to be understood that the forms of the invention shown and described herein are to be taken as the presently preferred embodiments. Elements and materials may be substituted for those illustrated and described herein, parts and processes may be reversed, and certain features of the invention may be utilized independently, all as would be apparent to one skilled in the art after having the benefit of this description of the invention. Changes may be made in the elements described herein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as described in the following claims.--

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows: